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Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the report of the Secretary-General on gratis personnel provided by Governments and other entities (A/57/721). During its consideration of the report, the Committee met with representatives of the Secretary-General who provided additional information.

2. The Advisory Committee recalls that the General Assembly, in paragraph 12 of its resolution 51/243 of 15 September 1997, requested the submission of annual reports on the use of gratis personnel, indicating, inter alia, their nationality, the duration of their service and the functions performed. The report of the Secretary-General, which updates the information contained in the previous report on the subject (A/56/839), covers the period from 1 January to 31 December 2002.

3. The report indicates a total number of 301 type I gratis personnel (142 interns, 124 associate experts, 35 technical cooperation experts) as of 31 December 2002 (A/57/721, table 1).

4. The report also indicates the existence of one type II gratis personnel in service as at 31 December 2002 (ibid., table 2). A total of three such personnel were reported as at 31 December 2001 (A/56/839, table 2).

5. **In view of the steps taken pursuant to General Assembly resolution 51/243 for the management of the employment of gratis personnel and the phasing out of the number of such personnel since the adoption of the resolution, the Advisory Committee is of the opinion that the Secretary-General should now be requested to provide this type of information in the context of his report on the composition of the Secretariat, submitted on a biennial basis. Furthermore, the information contained in the report regarding type I gratis personnel (A/57/721, table 1) should be expanded to include nationality, duration and functions performed.**

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